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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PAOLO PANSI CEDRONIO, ITALIAN
AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO THE UNITED STATES

REF:US NATO 13049 OTAL

1. COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS APPROVED (BUT HAS YET TO
ANNOUNCE OFFICIALLY THE NOMINATION OF PAOLO PANSI CEDRONIO
AS ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, REPLACING
ROBERTO GAJA. PANSI IS AN EXPERIENCED CAREER DIPLOMAT
WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO CANADA (1970-71)
AND CHILE (1961-66) HE HAS HELD AMBASSADORIAL RANK
FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS WHILE SERVING AS DEPUTY SECRETARY
GENERAL OF NATO.

2. BORN IN NAPLES IN 1915, PANSI RECEIVED DEGREES IN
LAW (1937) AND POLITICAL SCIENCE (1938) FROM THE UNIVERSITY
OF NAPLES AND WENT ON TO STUDY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS
AT THE CESARE ALFIERI INSTITUTE IN FLORENCE IN 1939.
ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER ENTERING THE FOREIGN SERVICE
IN 1940, HE WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE
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AS A LIEUTENANT OF CAVALRY. ASSIGNED AS A VICE
CONSUL IN PARIS IN 1942, PANSI WAS INTERNED BRIEFLY
IN VITTEL, FRANCE AND AT SALSOMAGGIORE IN ITALY. IN
1945 HE WAS NAMED VICE CONSUL IN NEW HAVEN, AND A
YEAR LATER HE WAS REASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON. FROM
1949 TO 1951 PANSI WORKED IN THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL
FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHERE

HE DEALT MOSTLY WITH MATTERS CONCERNING NATO, AND FROM 1951 TO 1955 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ITALIAN MISSION TO NATO. IN 1955 PANSO RETURNED TO ROME TO HEAD THE OFFICE OF NATO AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND HE REMAINED THERE UNTIL BEING POSTED TO LONDON, WHERE HE SERVED FOR FIVE YEARS AS MINISTER COUNSELOR AFTER 1961.

3. A BACHELOR, PANSO IS INTERESTED IN THE ARTS AND ENJOYS HORSE-BACK RIDING. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH AND FRENCH FLUENTLY.

4. REPORTS INDICATE THAT PANSO'S CANDIDACY WAS STRONGLY BACKED BY CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC (DC) PARTY PRESIDENT ALDO MORO. PANSO HAS A REPUTATION AS A STaunch ANTI-COMMUNIST AND A FIRM SUPPORTER OF NATO.

5. LONDON FOR STREATOR: PANSO IS NOT WELL KNOWN PERSONALLY TO EMBASSY ROME OFFICERS. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS WHICH YOU MIGHT WISH TO ADD TO THE FRE-GOING GARDNER

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